



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re U.S. Patent Application of** )  
**NAKAMURA et al.** )  
**Application Number: 10/090,767** ) **Art Unit 2157**  
**Filed: March 6, 2002** ) **Examiner Emmanuel Coffy**  
**For: CLUSTERING DISK CONTROLLER, ITS DISK** )  
**CONTROL UNIT AND LOAD BALANCING** )  
**METHOD OF THE UNIT** )  
**Attorney Docket No. HITA. 0181** )  
**Honorable Assistant Commissioner**  
**for Patents**  
**Washington, D.C. 20231**

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated July 27, 2005, the period for response to which is set to expire on November 27, 2005, with the payment of the appropriate government extension fee for one month. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: